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ATIA celebrates 65 years with a new logo



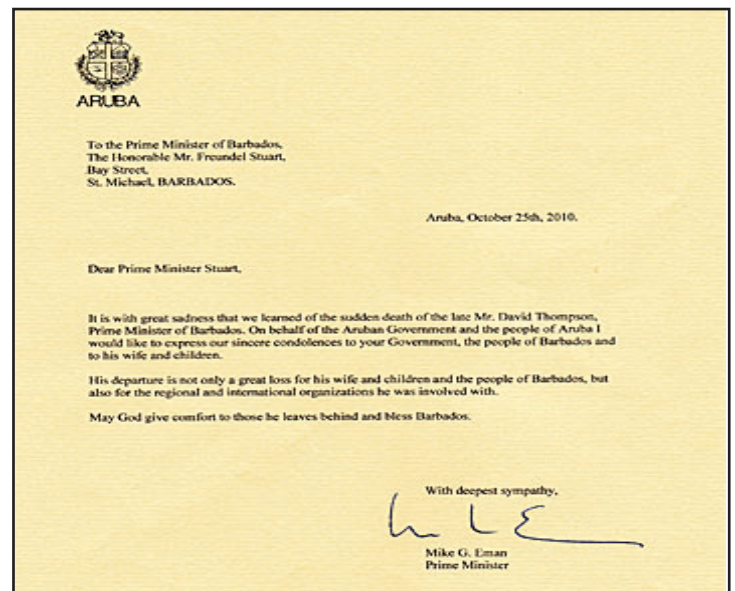
The Aruba Trade & Industry Association (ATIA) is celebrating 65 years of serving the community with a gala dinner on Saturday, November 6 featuring guest speaker business guru Barry Moltz.

In anticipation of this grand event and to acknowledge their increasing role as an arbitrator of commerce, both locally and internationally, ATIA administrators commissioned NOW Agency to create a new logo more in keeping with the times.

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Prime Minister Eman sends condolences letters to Barbados, Argentina



Photos above show copies of the condolences letters Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman sent to Barbados regarding the passing of their Prime Minister David Thompson and to Argentina for the passing of Argentine President Cristina Kirchner's husband and predecessor, Nestor Kirchner.



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ATIA celebrates 65 years with a new logo

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Bas Goddijn with Johan Stoppel of NOW



Old ATIA logo

ATIA Director Joyce Bartels-Daal and President of the Anniversary Celebration Committee, Ronny Tromp, unveiled the new logo at their building in Pedro Gallegosstraat on Thursday morning, October 28. Ms. Bartels-Daal expressed their extreme satisfaction with the creation by graphic designer Bas Goddijn.

"This new logo takes ATIA into the 21st century," she observed. "The contemporary design and somewhat abstract symbolic shape epitomizes ATIA's position as an entity for dialog and establishing communication. It reflects the dynamic direction in which we are now heading."

"I wanted the new logo to demonstrate the role of ATIA as a peacemaking and diplomatic entity between management and labor, a role it has played in the past, as well as assisting Aruban businesses to enter the global financial market," explained Bas of his design. "The font I used, the lower case letters and the shape of the dialog box all have a purpose; I think the overall design is very calming. I felt that is certainly something that represents ATIA, a calming influence in arbitration and negotiation."

Procedure for activity permits

ORANJESTAD -- A lot of people do not respect the official procedure when filing for an activity permit.

The Aruba Police Force, once again, will publish those rules with the assurance that there will be no exception for anyone anymore!

The High Commissioner of the Aruba Police Force announces the following:

Anyone or all organizers of social events, sports or educational event which calls for a permit must file for the permit within 10 working days before the day of the

event. Remember that Saturdays, and Sundays and official holidays do not count in those 10 days.

There are many permits at the Police headquarters that were not picked up as yet. In case a person or organization files for a permit for an event and there is an older permit left behind at the office and has not been paid for, that person or organization must pay for that permit before getting the new one.

When a person or organization ask for a permit for an event where a Buffet li-

cense is required, that permit must be paid for at the Police Administration Office before going to the Central Office of Legal and General Affairs (CBJAZ) to fetch the permit. Both offices are situated at the Department of Justice at Macuarima.

A mistake made by many event organizers is that when they get a permit from DIMAS to bring over an artist from abroad that does not mean that they do not need a permit from the Police. They still have to file for a permit for the event itself, otherwise the event will not go on.

A request for permit must be filed at least 10 working days before the event, otherwise it will not be processed.

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Pa medio di e invitacion aki, henter Aruba ta keda invita pa un serie di foronan publico jama "Bo Opinion". E foronan aki ta basa ariba e estilo di un "Town Hall Meeting" y den cuadro celebracion di un aña di Gabinete Mike Eman, e Town Hall Meetingnan aki lo tuma lugar na diferente lugar rond di Aruba durante e prome siman di November.

Lo tin oportunidad pa trece bo preocupacionan dilanti relaciona cu comunidad en general of especificamente bo bario, hasi preguntanan libremente of comunica bo opinion na e ministernan presente.

Cu e forum publico aki gobernacion di Aruba kier trece e pueblo mas serca di nan mandatario-nan y vice-versa. Asina aki, por haci posibel cu preocupacionan di pueblo di Aruba por jega mas liher y di un manera efectivo na conocimiento di Ministernan y Prome Minister en particular.

Entrada pa e Town Hall Meeting lo ta liber.

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Myanmar says Suu Kyi may be freed after elections



Aung San Suu Kyi

HANOI, Vietnam (AFP) — Myanmar has said that democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi may be freed after November 7 elections, as it attempts to deflect a barrage of criticism over the discredited polls.

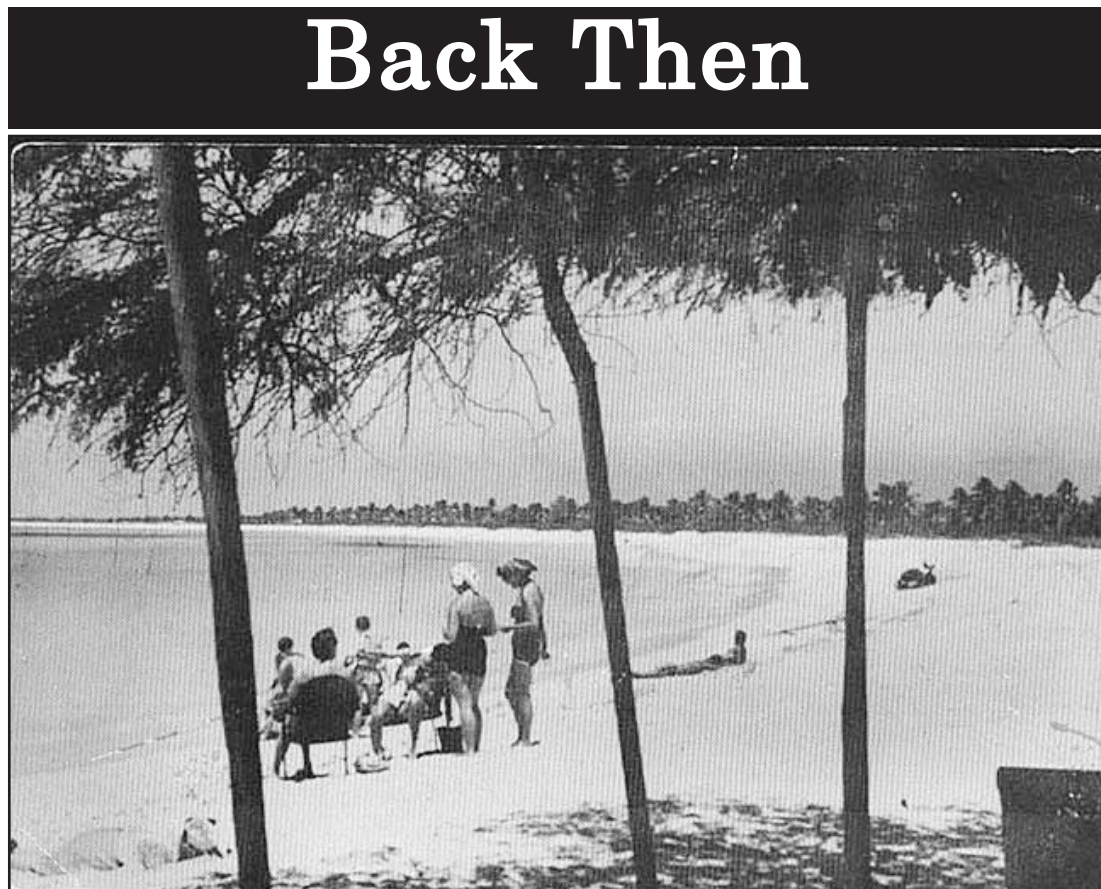
Myanmar's elections, the nation's first in two decades, have been derided as a sham

by critics who say they lack any credibility without the participation of Suu Kyi and other opposition figures.

Foreign Minister Nyan Win flagged the release at Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) talks.

There was a cautious response to the comments from a regime that has kept Suu Kyi detained for 15 of the past 21 years but the United States accused Myanmar of "craven manipulation" of its election.

"We were told that she will have completed her term of imprisonment by the first 10 days, probably, after the elections," ASEAN secretary general Surin Pitsuwan told reporters yesterday.



Palm Beach, Aruba, before any hotels were built, only the Basi Ruti Club and groves of palms and thorn tree.

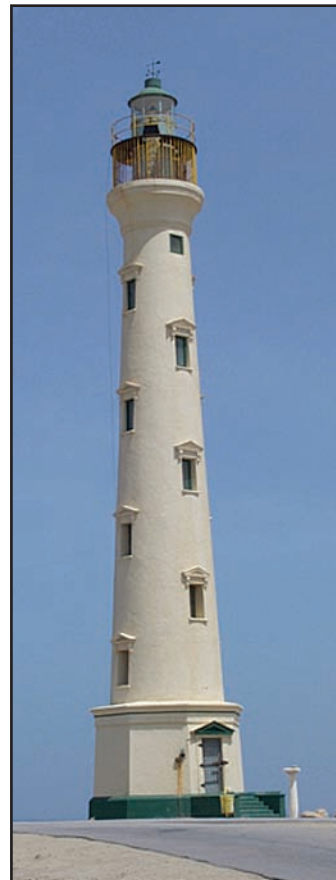
"You can't get there from here." It happens everywhere in the world when visitors ask a local how to get somewhere and it's too complicated to tell them how. Back then, Aruba had mostly sand or dirt roads, mostly without signs and mostly often did not continue on.

Arubans would say to each other, "Take a right at Tante Ingrid's house. You know, the pink house with the red roof and go down the road 'til you get to the green house and make a left." In town (Oranjestad), where there were sometimes signs on the side of a building or in front or not, it was just a matter of answering a visitor "just tell me where you want to go."

Ah yes, a left at that shoe store and a right at the bank.

Along the then uninhabited seafront in Malmok (beyond the high-rise strip, where now luxury homes abide), there was a stretch of road that the macho-motor-maniacs used as speedway in the early evenings. The view from that road was of endless sea, glorious sunsets, an occasional waterskier, (the now famous windsurf tournament had not yet arrived), a fisherman throwing out a line and a tanker or two on the way to the Esso Refinery in San Nicolas.

In the 1970's, when the United States was suffering from a major shortage of gasoline due to refinery strikes worldwide, countless tankers were lined up from Malmok all the way down the length of the island to San Nicolas, just floating gently in the



California Lighthouse

calm sea while frustrated drivers in the U.S. were causing havoc countrywide. On a flight from New York one day approaching Aruba, the pilot told his passengers to "Look out the windows on your right. There's your gasoline, folks." The murmurs were not gentle.

The Malmok road then led directly to the lighthouse, still standing, but only to the wooden staircase below. It was worth the climb to look out at rock-filled shores, salinas, parading herds of goats, iguanas on their endless journeys for food (they had the right-of-way then and still do

today), cacti, and the wide-open spaces of gritty, yet beautiful landscapes unburdened by human occupancy.

What became known as the first house on that road in Malmok, (although an Aruban proudly carried that title, his house was "down the road apiece") was built by a couple from the Washington-Baltimore area, the Tuckers.

They easily slipped into the patterns of Aruba. If in Jamaica, they have 2 speeds: slow and stop, Aruba has a smoothly, endless and comforting way of using time.

On a flight to the States one day, Al and a friend were talking about events on the island when a well-dressed gentleman (suits and ties were de rigueur in first class) seated in front came to Al's seat and asked if he could asked a few questions since the duo obviously lived on Aruba. Of course. The gentleman went on a considerable length about how hugely he had enjoyed his vacation here and was thinking of moving here. Nods of appreciation were made.

He then asked what did each of us do on a "regular" day. Al replied, "Yesterday, I went to Brenchie (the now-deceased hardware store)." His seat mate stated the she had gone to post office to pick up package. And then? That's it.... it takes all morning to go to Brenchie and the post office! He later said he didn't think he was ready for Aruba yet.

His wife turned around and whispered, "Thank you!" Thank you Aruba.

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International chess tournament on Aruba: **The Aruba Chess Challenge 2010**

ORANJESTAD -- In celebration of the 64th anniversary of the Aruba chess association, the Aruba Chess Federation is organizing the first chess tournament on Aruba: the Aruba Chess Challenge 2010.

The tournament will take place on November 5, 6 and 7, at the *Centro Deportivo Betico Croes*, situated in Santa Cruz.

The tournament consists of three categories

- 1) *Open Group* (all ages),
- 2) *Youth Group U-18* (12 to 17 years) and
- 3) *Youth Group U-12* (6 to 11 years).

Participants of the *Open Group* will play for 90 minutes, which starts from the first move, with 30 additional seconds. Participants of the *Youth Group U-18* will have 90 minutes for the whole game and the *Youth Group U-12* participants will have 30 minutes to finish the game.

The Aruba Chess challenge 2010 will be played according to the Swiss system; 5 rounds in the *Open group* and *Youth Group U-18* and 8 rounds in the *Youth Group U-12*

Participating counties are Aruba, Barbados, Bonaire, Curaçao, Haiti, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago.

Chess players interested to participate can register at the Aruba Chess Federation, situated at Nieuwstraat 11, Oranjestad on the following days:

* Saturday - October 30, from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. by Maurits Dijkhoff

* Monday – November 1, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. by Enrique Jacopucci.

The inscription fee must be paid at the moment of inscription and is:

Open Group: AWG. 52,50
Youth Group U-18: AWG. 25,00
Youth Group U-12: AWG. 15,00

Chess players with FIDE-Titles can participate for FREE. They are: GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM, WFM, CM and WCM. All the games played in the *Open Group* are valid for the FIDE-rating.

Judges are Mr. Alex Roose and Mr. Maurits Dijkhoff

Schedule of Open Group and Youth Group U-18: Friday, November 5, 2010:

7:00 pm.	Arrival of the participants
7:30 p.m.	Words of welcome
8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	first round

Saturday, November 6, 2010:

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Round 2
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Round 3

Sunday, November 7, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Round 4
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Round 5 (final round)
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Closing ceremony

Schedule of the Youth Group U-12:

Saturday, November 6, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Round 1
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Round 2
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Round 3
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Round 4

Sunday, November 7, 2010

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Round 5
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Round 6
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Round 7
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Round 8

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Governor Refunjol receives copy of thesis of Doctor in Biometric Science, Emile J.C. Kelkboom

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Kelkboom paid a courtesy visit to Aruba Governor Fredis Refunjol. They presented Governor Refunjol a copy of the thesis written by their son Emile J.C. Kelkboom who graduated as Doctor in Biometric Science on October 1, 2010.

Biometrics comprises methods for uniquely recognizing humans based upon one or more intrinsic physical or behavioral traits.

Photo shows Mr. Kelkboom handing the copy of the thesis to Governor Refunjol in presence of Mrs. Kelkboom and Deputy Director Mr. Martijn Boelen.



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Internet accounts for 7.2% of economy: study

LONDON (AFP) – The Internet contributed 100 billion pounds to the economy last year, about 7.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), a report showed Thursday.

The sector is bigger than the construction, transport or utilities industries in Britain, according to the study by the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), which was commissioned by the British arm of Internet giant Google.

The research also predicted that by 2015, the British 'Internet economy' is likely to grow to 10 percent of GDP, eclipsing the financial sector.

"The Internet is pervasive in the UK economy today, more so than in most advanced countries," said Paul Zwillenberg, a partner with BCG in London.

"Whether they are driving international expansion, improving their interactions with customers or the efficiency of their supply chains, UK companies are increasingly embracing the Internet's potential."

Much of the growth is driven by consumption, the

majority of it online spending but also what consumers spend on getting access to the Internet, while the rest comes from government spending, private investment and exports.

The study found that about 62 percent of adults, or 31 million people, have bought goods or services online so far this year and collectively they spent about 50 billion pounds last year on goods or travel.

More than 19 million out of a total of 26 million households have an Internet connection and broadband access has doubled since 2005.

Overall, Britain was ranked sixth among major economies on the BCG "e-intensity index" which judges the reach and depth of the Internet, after Denmark, South Korea, Japan, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Sci-Tech

Arctic Whales Help Scientists by Taking Ocean Temperatures

Arctic whales are making a contribution to climate science: Scientists used narwhals to help them measure winter temperatures in the waters off western Greenland.

The data recorded by the creatures on their mile-deep dives in 2006 and 2007 showed a continuing temperature increase, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the American Geophysical Union reported today (Oct. 27).

A group of researchers attached sensors to 14 narwhals, which are easily identified by their unicorn-like tooth. The whales were tagged as they made their fall migration from northwest Greenland to their wintering grounds in Baffin Bay.

For seven months the sensors on each animal recorded ocean depths and temperatures during feeding dives from the surface pack ice to the seafloor, as far as 1.1 miles below (1.8 kilometers). The narwhal-obtained data will help scientists better understand the impacts of global warming in the Arctic region.



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Sex attack victim says distracted by iPod



SYDNEY (AFP) – A sex attack victim in Australia said Thursday she might have been able to avoid the assault if she had not been distracted by her iPod.

The victim, named only as "Kate", urged other women to use MP3 players with caution after she was knocked down and sexually assaulted just 100 metres (yards) from

her Melbourne home earlier this month.

"I was listening to my iPod and in my thoughts I was already at home so I didn't pay attention," she said.

"It's a very bad idea, because you listen to the songs that you like, you're thinking about things and you don't pay attention to what's happening around you. It's a very bad thing."

A passing car disturbed the attacker, who then fled.

"When I am walking on the street now I always pay attention to what's happening around me," she said.

Australian campaigners have warned road users of "Death by iPod" after a pedestrian was knocked down and killed last month in Sydney, following the death of a Melbourne cyclist in June.

China boasts world's fastest supercomputer



BEIJING (AFP) – China is set to trump the US to take the number one spot for the fastest supercomputer ever made in a survey of the world's zippiest machines, it was reported Thursday.

Tianhe-1, meaning Milky Way, has a sustained computing speed of 2,507 trillion calculations per second, making it the fastest computer in China on a list published Thursday.

But it is also 1.4 times faster than the world's current fastest ranked supercomputer in the US, housed at a national laboratory in Tennessee, according to the New York Times.

Tianhe-1 does its warp-

speed "thinking" at the National Center for Supercomputing in the northern port city of Tianjin -- using mostly chips designed by US companies.

The Tianjin Meteorological Bureau and the National Offshore Oil Corporation data centre have both started trials using the computer.

"It can also serve the animation industry and bio-medical research," Liu Guangming, the supercomputing centre's director, told state news agency Xinhua.

According to Jack Dongarra, a University of Tennessee computer scientist who maintains the official supercomputer rankings which

are due to be released next week, the Chinese beast "blows away the existing number one machine".

"We don't close the books until November 1, but I would say it is unlikely we will see a system that is faster," he told the New York Times.

It is not the first time, however, that the US has had its digital crown stolen by an Asian upstart. In 2002, Japan made a machine with more power than the top 20 American computers put together.

Japan is also working on a new machine called "K Computer" in a bid to take the supercomputing crown.

Computer designer Steven J. Wallach is not overly worried by China's rise to computing superpower.

"It's interesting, but it's like getting to the four-minute mile," he told the New York Times. "The world didn't stop. This is just a snapshot in time."

"They want to show they are number one in the world, no matter what it is."

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Study finds green tea offers no protection from Breast Cancer

Although some research has suggested that drinking green tea might help protect women from breast cancer, a new, large Japanese study comes to a different conclusion.

"We found no overall association between green tea intake and the risk of breast cancer among Japanese women who have habitually drunk green tea," said lead researcher Dr. Motoki Iwasaki, from the Epidemiology and Prevention Division at the Research Center for Cancer Prevention and Screening of the National Cancer Center in Tokyo.

"Our findings suggest that green tea intake within a usual drinking habit is unlikely to reduce the risk of breast cancer," he said.

The report is published in the Oct. 28 online issue of the



journal Breast Cancer Research.

For the study, Iwasaki's team collected data on 53,793 women who were surveyed between 1995 and 1998. As part of the survey, the women were asked how much green tea they drank.

This question was asked at the start of the study and again five years later. During the second survey, the re-

searchers asked about two different types of green tea, Sencha and Bancha/Genmaicha.

Among the women, 12 percent drank less than one cup of green tea a week, while 27 percent drank five or more cups a day, the researchers found. The study also included women who drank 10 or more cups a day.

Over almost 14 years of follow-up, 350 women developed breast cancer, but the researchers found no association between drinking green tea and the risk for developing breast cancer.

Dr. Stephanie Bernik, a breast cancer surgeon at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, said that "it's hard to say that there is no benefit from green tea overall, certainly. Maybe there is no benefit for breast cancer specifically."

Fish Oil might help fight gum disease



Eating even moderate amounts of omega-3 fatty acids, typically found in foods such as salmon and other fatty fish, may help ward off gum disease, new research suggests.

Researchers divided nearly 9,200 adults aged 20 and up participating in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey between 1999 and 2004 into three groups based on their consumption of omega-3 fatty acids. Consumption was assessed by asking participants to recall exactly what they'd eaten during the prior 24 hours.

Dental exams showed participants in the middle and

upper third for omega-3 fatty acid consumption were between 23 percent and 30 percent less likely to have gum disease than those who consumed the least amount of omega-3 fatty acids.

Specifically, the researchers found that the omega-3 fatty acids docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) were associated with less gum disease. The association with linolenic acid (LNA) was not statistically significant.

"Eating a very feasible amount of fatty fish seems to have a lot of benefit," said senior study author Dr. Kenneth Mukamal, an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

"But we found no benefits to eating tons of this stuff."

Since the study was a snapshot of a single day's diet, Mukamal said researchers could not determine exactly how much fish oil people should consume regularly.

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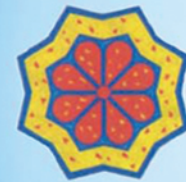
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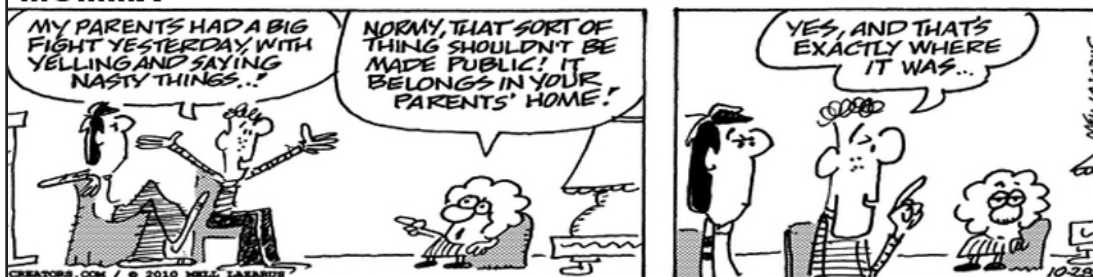


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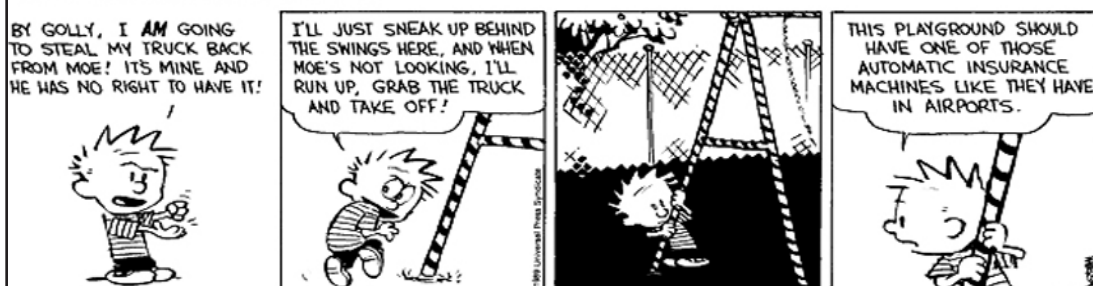
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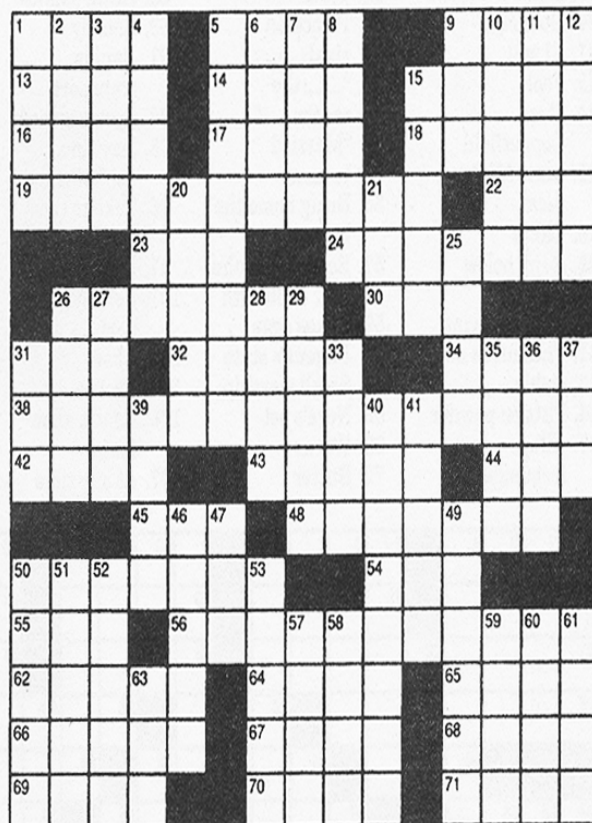
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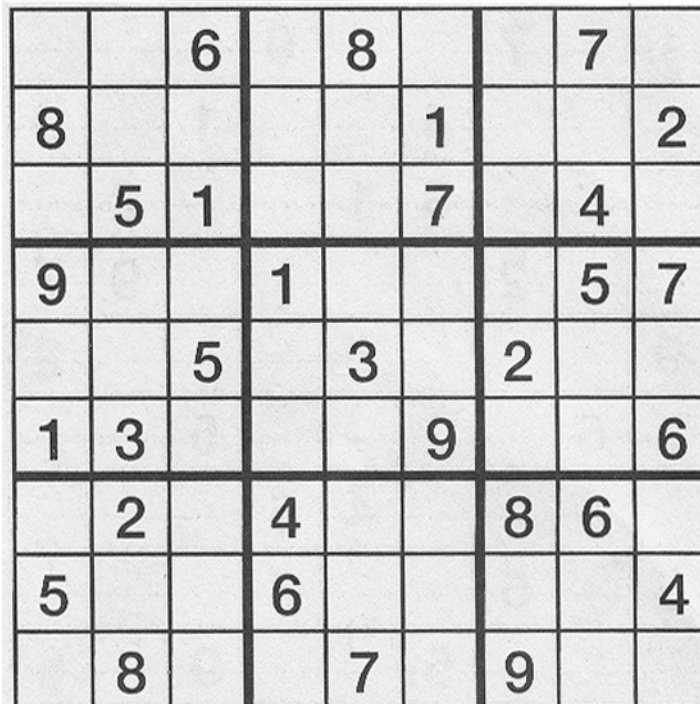
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EU moves towards painful compromise on treaty

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - European leaders moved towards a painful compromise yesterday that would open the door to risky treaty change, a German demand to tighten EU budgetary discipline following the Greek debt crisis.

Heads of state and governments opened talks at a two-day summit in Brussels, focused on whether to change the bloc's Lisbon treaty to introduce a permanent, Greek-style safety net for countries that repeatedly overspend.

Alterations to the hard-fought treaty, a decade in the making and which only came into effect last December, triggered headaches across the 27-nation bloc and sent governments scuttling to seek a compromise.

They were also discussing whether to withdraw voting rights from the worst offenders, another key condition for German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose government funds the lion's share among states that use the euro currency.

The meeting was preceded by sharp exchanges on these issues even though all states broadly agree on the need to radically update rules.

A vast plan of action, prepared by EU president Herman Van Rompuy, was adopted at the summit.

These proposals include tougher sanctions and stricter surveillance, even if penalties

are less severe than initially imagined.

The pre-summit arguments centered over what had to be done to establish a perpetual emergency fund, which a joint Franco-German declaration insisted meant treaty change.

This is considered vital to calm markets that panicked over the scale of Greece's debts amid fears for other weak economies led by Ireland.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy also backs Merkel on her demand to get tough on voting rights.

Germany fears that its Constitutional Court will block an extension of the three-year European Financial Stability Fund unless the treaty is changed to spell out that no country can be saved from bankruptcy by its partners.

"Taxpayers should not be the only ones to shoulder the responsibility," Merkel said of German involvement in any perpetual rescue fund.

"To do this we need a modification of the treaties," she added, specifying she also wanted "a mechanism that includes those, the banks and investment funds, that gain money on high interest rates" on loans to countries in difficulty.

Merkel admitted she was expecting a "controversial" debate on voting rights but refused to yield.

But she argued that the Lisbon treaty already contained such provisions for states that violate the EU's fundamental values, and argued that "in my opinion a policy that endangers the euro, that endangers our economic and monetary union, goes against the fundamental values of the European Union."

Faced with the might of German economic and political weight, many states appear resigned to following Berlin's bidding.

IMF says dollar 'overvalued'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund yesterday said the dollar was overvalued on currency markets, while the euro, yen and pound were in line with fundamentals.

"The real effective exchange rates of Japan, the euro area, and the UK all appear broadly in line with medium-term fundamentals, while the US dollar is on the strong side of fundamentals," the IMF said in a report to the Group of 20 economic powers.

The IMF noted that recent government interventions in the foreign-exchange market had contributed to the imbalance, which has sparked fears of "currency wars" to protect exports amid the global economic recovery.

"While advanced economies have generally avoided intervening in currency markets, some have intervened more recently to limit rapid appreciations, contributing to the above-mentioned tension on this issue."

The IMF reiterated its view that China's currency, the yuan, remained "substantially undervalued."

The IMF prepared the report for a G20 meeting of financial ministers and central bank governors in South Korea on October 22-23, in preparation for a G20 summit in mid-November.

Since then the dollar has been relatively stable. The US currency had weakened sharply between mid-September and mid-October amid expectations that the Federal Reserve would restart major large-scale asset purchases to support a flagging recovery, effectively printing money.

In a final statement the G20 finance chiefs agreed to "refrain from competitive devaluation of currencies" and aim for "more market-determined exchange rate systems."

The IMF was empowered to police the agreement, which however lacks teeth in the absence of numerical targets for countries such as China to lower their swollen trade surpluses.

The IMF noted tensions among the G20 developed and developing members stemming from currency imbalances in part propelled by large capital inflows to fast-

growing emerging economies as investors seeking higher-yielding returns.

Key emerging surplus economies, notably in Asia, have responded to the capital inflows by intervening in foreign-exchange markets to accumulate reserves and limit currency appreciation, the Washington-based institution said.

Those actions were contributing to "continuing significant exchange rate misalignments relative to fundamentals -- for instance, the Chinese renminbi remains substantially undervalued."

Meanwhile, some other emerging economies, notably South Africa and countries in Latin America, have allowed their currencies to appreciate "substantially," boosting real-effective exchange rates to levels that appear increasingly overvalued, it warned.

"The significant cross-country differences in the extent of de facto exchange rate flexibility and the limited scope for policy responses in countries receiving large inflows is stirring some tension across G20 members," the 187-nation IMF said.

Verizon to pay fine, refund customers over 'mystery' fees

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US telecom regulators said yesterday that Verizon Wireless has agreed to pay a 25-million-dollar fine and refund nearly 53 million dollars to customers over "mystery" fees on their bills.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said the payment is the largest in FCC history and concludes the agency's 10-month probe into overcharging by Verizon Wireless, a joint venture between Verizon and Britain's Vodaphone.

In addition to paying 25 million dollars to the US government, Verizon will refund at least 52.8 million dollars to some 15 million customers and ensure they no longer receive unexplained data charges, the FCC said in a statement.

Michele Ellison, chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bu-

reau, said the settlement "requires Verizon Wireless to make meaningful business reforms, prevent future overcharges, and provide consumers clear, easy-to-understand information about their choices."

"We will continue to monitor the company's compliance going forward," Ellison said.

The FCC began investigating Verizon Wireless in January following consumer complaints and press reports about unexplained charges such as data fees for customers who do not subscribe to a data package or plan.

The FCC probe found some 15 million consumers may have been overcharged for data usage since November 2007.

"People shouldn't find mystery fees when they open their phone bills -- and they

certainly shouldn't have to pay for services they didn't want and didn't use," FCC chairman Julius Genachowski said.

"Verizon's 25 million dollar payment to the US Treasury -- the largest in FCC history -- is an important recognition of the harmful impact on consumers," he said. "It will serve as a significant deterrent to others in the future."

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Chinese city offers cash for cigarette butts



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Authorities in Shaanxi province's Xianyang city launched the campaign in September and so far enthusiastic residents have handed over seven million butts, the official China Daily said.

In return, the local government has paid out 100,000 yuan (15,000 dollars) for two million of the butts and still owes for the remaining five

million.

"We started the drive as part of an effort to make our city more clean and civilised, increase public environmental awareness and warn against the dangers of smoking," said Hou Xi'an, deputy head of the office overseeing the campaign.

One person reportedly handed over 7,500 cigarette butts all at once -- worth 375 yuan.

However, some people are cheating by rooting around Internet cafes, restaurants and even dustbins to collect butts and get a reward, according to some media reports.

Still, the campaign appears to be working.

After seeing an old man pick up the cigarette butt he had just discarded, resident Zhao Ang said he had learned a lesson.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."



Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool



2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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Senegal's 'living treasure' drummer and his family orchestra



Senegalese drummer, composer and band leader Doudou Ndiaye Rose is pictured as he plays traditional Sabar drums in Dakar.

DAKAR, Senegal (AFP) - When he was a child of 10, Doudou Ndiaye Rose "got sidetracked" on his way to school in Senegal by the beating of a tam-tam. Now at 80, the renowned drummer is at peace knowing his children and grandchildren will uphold the tradition.

One of his sons, Moustapha Ndiaye, recently led an ensemble at Paris' Cite de la Musique (Music Centre) in a festival on "Senegal: Myths and Realities." Though Doudou's music was a featured theme, the master stayed in Dakar for health reasons.

Doudou has performed with such greats as Miles Davis, the Rolling Stones and percussionists in Japan, and been declared a "living human treasure" by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. But one of his biggest delights is remembering the sounds of his Dakar childhood.

"I was born on July 28, 1930, in the middle of the Plateau district. Every day, the tam-tams played for marriages, baptisms and circumcisions. Whenever I left the house, the sounds distracted me. It's as if they said, 'Doudou, don't go to school, you must come and play the tam-tam'."

Mamadou, usually known as Doudou, was born into the griot caste of musicians and story-tellers, guardians of the cultural heritage.

But his father, an accountant, did not want his son to be a musician.

When Doudou defied him, they went for seven years without shaking hands.

Doudou was working as a plumber when he met Mada Seck, who worked at the cargo port and "knew all the secrets of percussion".

"I was in his group and when he left one day, for Ivory Coast, he told me, 'Here are my instruments, here are my charms, you can replace me'."

But Doudou wanted to travel deep into his west African country to learn "seriously" about his gift.

"I never wanted to play blindly! I met the elders so that they could teach me the very precise language of drums that everybody recognised then: how to announce a bush fire, that a snake has bitten someone and what kind of snake, that a woman who has just got married has gone to the conjugal home and that the husband is happy with her."

When the elders noted that Doudou had managed to learn "more than 100 differ-

ent rhythms," they bestowed on him the title of "chief drum major."

A large portrait of Senegal's first president Leopold Sedar Senghor looks down over the living room of the master drummer Senghor chose in 1960 to produce an African version of the national anthem.

Beside this hangs UNESCO's "living human treasure" citation.

Despite his fame, Doudou is known in town simply as "Tonton" or "Uncle," the man with "four wives and at least 15 girls and 15 boys" who heads a family orchestra.

For 50-year-old Moustapha, who teaches percussion at Paris' Cite de la Musique, Doudou has always been "a generous father but a little strict when it comes to percussion."

If you couldn't follow, you would feel a little tap of a stick on the head."

Nowadays, the master's grandchildren often come to rehearse on the rooftop terrace of Doudou's first wife before their ensemble, "Les Roseaux," heads abroad to give concerts.

The smell of goatskin that covers drums wafts out from a small room stacked with dozens of the instruments, including a tiny model for one of the youngest, four-year-old Papi.

"I thank the Good Lord," says Doudou, relaxing in the traditional "boubou" or ample robe.

"My children have learned the language of percussion well. I can even no longer play and just listen to them."

Filmmaker Cameron to return to Pandora with "Avatar" 2 and 3

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - Canadian filmmaker James Cameron will write and direct the second and third parts of the sci-fi movie "Avatar" for release in 2014 and 2015, the entertainment magazine Variety said recently.

Executives at 20th Century Fox confirmed to the publication that they had reached an agreement with Cameron to make the sequels to "Avatar," the biggest box office hit in contemporary movie history, with 2.8 billion dollars in sales since its opening in December 2009.

Cameron and Fox studio, which will begin production



of the movies at the end of 2011, plan to release the second installment in December 2014, and the third a year later.

Cameron, the creator of the 1997 blockbuster "Titanic," redefined the art of special effects with "Avatar," which took more than a decade to produce because of

the advances in technology required to realize his vision.

Set in the year 2154, "Avatar" tells the story of Jake Sully (Sam Worthington), a paraplegic ex-marine who is sent to live among the Na'vi, a race of blue humanoids who live in the exotic lunar planet, Pandora.

When Sully falls in love with a Na'Vi he rebels against the power-hungry humans who have sent him to save their own species, marooned on a contaminated planet.

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Catholic group shuns Halloween for 'Holyween'

ROME, Italy (AFP) - As trick-or-treaters dig out their witch costumes, cut scowling faces into pumpkins and hone their apple-bobbing skills, young Catholic parishioners throughout Italy are preparing for "Holyween."

Instead of dressing up as black cats or zombies, young faithful from some 30 Italian cities will spend October 31 hanging pictures of saints from their windows and balconies to celebrate the eve of All Saint's Day.

"We're not against Halloween as such, it's just that we celebrate All Saint's Day and want to share it with other young people," said Sara Bidinost, 23, a student from the Sentinels of the Morning group behind the initiative.

"We'll be hanging images of saints from the front of churches and gathering in the streets... last year it was great fun, people were fairly curious about what we were doing," she added.

Francesco Parise, a leader for the Veneto region of the National Papa Boys Association, a Catholic youth group that is also taking part, said: "I'm very anti Halloween with its skeletons and pumpkins."

"This is the perfect opportunity for kids to unite against Halloween. Some of them have already begun hanging pictures of local saints," he said.

The head of Sentinels of the Morning, Father Andrea Brugnoli said he got the idea to hang up images of saints from the modern obsession with appearance.

"These days people understand the language of beauty.... In a world that glorifies horror and ugliness, the beauty of the



saints fascinates today's young," Brugnoli told Zenit Catholic news agency in Rome.

The activities of the Sentinels include beach parties with inflatable churches and Happy Hours in new and trendy bars up and down the country.

From Turin to Palermo, residents and mayors are also preparing feast days with local cakes and biscuits like Ossa dei Morti (Bones of the Dead), with regional variations made with almonds, pine nuts, vanilla or chocolate.

"Halloween isn't part of our identity," the mayor of Calalzo di Cadore, near Venice, told ANSA news agency. Instead, the town will be hosting a 'food marathon' of local delicacies until late into the night.

Halloween is based on the Celtic festival of Samhain and the ancient Celts believed the border between this world and the otherworld became thin on that night, allowing spirits to pass through.

Traditionally, hollowed-out pumpkins carved with faces are placed in windows to ward off spirits whilst children dress up in costumes in the hope that copying evil spirits will placate them.

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Wozniacki battles to secure year-end top spot



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Not until midway through the second set did that happen as Wozniacki swapped containment for going on the offensive against Schiavone, who mixed topspin with slice, slow-balling with pace, and net attacks with baseline, all with equal facility.

Twice Wozniacki's father-coach Piotr came to the courtside, where he knelt before his daughter to offer unusually animated advice.

It seemed to help, although the fourth and the fifth games of the third set were also fiercely contested and pivotal in preventing a Schiavone comeback.

"This is something I have dreamed about since I was a little girl," said Wozniacki, who will become the youngest year-end number one since Martina Hingis in 2000.

"I am really happy and proud about what I have achieved this year."

Wozniacki joined Australia's Samantha Stosur as a semi-finals qualifier from the maroon group at the expense of Elena Dementieva, the Olympic champion from Russia, who will be out even if she beats Schiavone today.

DOHA (AFP) - Caroline Wozniacki secured the year-end number one spot in the world ranking on Thursday, becoming the first ever Dane to do so, but only after suffering an early fright at the WTA Tour Championships here.

For an hour, the 20-year-old top seed seemed in danger of going out of the event, until she worked out the clever tactical patterns of Francesca Schiavone, the French Open champion from Italy, and triumphed 3-6, 6-1,

Pacquiao steps up training for Margarito



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Manny Pacquiao says preparations for his upcoming title fight against Antonio Margarito are going smoothly after getting off to a rocky start in the Philippines.

"Training is going good," said Pacquiao, who arrived in Los Angeles Saturday from the Philippines. "This training has come with some problems and distractions. But we know what our mistakes were."

"I had a good jog this morning."

The 31-year-old seven division world champion also said he has no immediate plans to retire after this fight in order to spend more time on his Congressional duties in the Philippines.

Pacquiao, who was elected to the Philippine Congress in May, is on leave from his duties at the House of Representative so he can defend his world super welterweight title against Mexico's Antonio Margarito November 13 in Dallas, Texas.

Trainer Freddy Roach said that training in the Philippines didn't go so well because there were too many distractions. But since arriving in Los Angeles, Roach says Pacquiao has been focussing solely on getting ready for the fight.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba (ABCA) game results



RESULTS THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21

A total of 10 pairs attended the morning bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Nelly Aal/Gerry Meenhorst 62.50%
2. Liesbeth van den Ham/Annette Ybeles 55.63%
3. George Manning/Carola Pinxter 55.10%
4. Geke In 't Veld / Annemieke de Cuba 51.56%
5. Ghislaine Mendes/Els Lacle 51.47%

RESULTS FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 22

A total of 10 pairs attended the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Kathy Yarzagaray / Iola Tjin-Tham-Sjin 62.50 %
2. Fred van der Leest/Chris Joosten 62.34%
3. Annette Ybeles/Ineke Jobse 55.89%
4. Emmy en Annemieke de Cuba 54.06%
5. Addy Eilers/Willem Jacobusse 51.72%.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the

Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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Giants rip Rangers in World Series opener

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - San Francisco batters outslugged the top hitting lineup in Major League Baseball on a night when pitchers were expected to excel for an 11-7 victory over Texas in Wednesday's World Series opener.

Juan Uribe smacked a home run and Freddy Sanchez went 4-for-5 with three doubles as host San Francisco took an early edge in the best-of-seven final between two championship-starved squads that continues here on Thursday.

The Giants seek their first World Series title since 1954, four years before the club moved from New York. The Rangers seek the first World Series crown in their 50-season history after having not won a playoff series until this month.

"This gives us a lot of confidence," Sanchez said. "We didn't quit when they got up. It's going to be a tough battle this series."

Texas southpaw pitcher



Freddy Sanchez of the San Francisco Giants hits an RBI double in the third inning against the Texas Rangers in Game One of the 2010 MLB World Series

Cliff Lee, one victory shy of matching a record with his seventh triumphant playoff start in a row, instead suffered his first career post-sea-

son defeat, allowing seven runs on eight hits in 4 2/3 innings.

"You never think going in you are going to have success against a pitcher like that," Sanchez said. "I just tried to put the ball in play and fortunately was able to come out with some hits."

San Francisco right-hander Tim Lincecum, a two-time Cy Young Award winner as best pitcher making his first playoff run, allowed four runs on eight hits but the long-haired hurler retired 13 of 14 batters in one stretch to earn the win.

"I didn't have my best stuff out there,"

Lincecum said. "I was battling myself a little. The guys gave me a chance to settle down and get into my mode for a few innings."

After Texas took a 2-0 lead, the Giants equalized in the third and Sanchez and Andres Torres hit back-to-back doubles to ignite a six-run fifth inning for an 8-2 edge. The Rangers never came nearer than the final margin after that.

"Jitters didn't have anything to do with it," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They put 11 runs on the board. They beat us."

"Tomorrow can be a different day. Maybe we will end up scoring the runs."

The Giants pounded out 14 hits and were aided by four Texas errors while San Francisco surrendered 11 hits and committed two errors. It was the most combined miscues in a World Series game in 13 years.

Heat's Big Three get first win together



PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Miami's Big Three won their first game as the trio combined for 61 points as the Heat spoiled Philadelphia's home opener with a 97-87 win Wednesday.

Dwyane Wade scored a game-high 30 points while LeBron James (16) and Chris Bosh (15) also did their part for the Heat who rebounded from an opening night loss to the Boston Celtics.

"We're not at our peak, we're not even close," Wade

said. "Eventually when it's time to be there, we will."

Wade made of 10-of-20 from the floor and went 9-of-12 from the free throw line. Wade also had seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

"He was letting the game come to him," said Miami head coach Eric Spoelstra. "He is a feel type player and I think he felt a lot more comfortable tonight and was able to get to the rim."

In Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points, Arron Affalo added 22 and the Denver Nuggets opened the season with a 110-88 win over the Utah Jazz in coach

George Karl's return to the bench.

Chauncey Billups had 14 points and eight assists, while Shelden Williams grabbed 16 rebounds.

Anthony, the subject of trade rumors all summer, and Karl received the loudest ovations in pregame introductions.

Karl missed the final two months of last season after being diagnosed with throat and neck cancer.

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Aruba and Go Fast/Underground Cycling Team conquers Bonaire Xtreme Duo Mountain Bike Competition 2010



Overall winners George Winterdal and Victor Vrolijk of Go Fast/Underground Cycling Team



Aruba's Go Fast/Underground Cycling Team

Aruba picks up two of the three prizes

Following the movement of Xtreme Duo mountain bike races in Aruba and Curaçao, Bonaire Wellness Connexions recently organised a similar race on Bonaire on Sunday, October 24, 2010.

BWC has invited riders from the neighbour islands Curacao and Aruba, Venezuela, the USA and the Netherlands to participate in this challenging race. The race course was 75km long

and included most single-tracks located in the north-east part of Bonaire. During the race, riders have followed some paved roads which were carefully watched by volunteers; they controlled the traffic and made riders feel safe. Single-tracks and safe dirt roads covered about 90% of the total race course. The route included technical single-tracks in Washington National Park, windy and rough trails along the east coast, coral-stone trails

through Lagoen and Bolivia and the challenging 500 meters climb of Seru Largu at the end.

Participants have formed teams of two riders (Duo). Duo's were made up of one male rider and one female, two men or two ladies. Both participants had to (Duo) finish the race; and the time that counted was the one taken from the rider who crossed the finish line last.

There were prizes for the first five winners of the race.

The results were as follows: **1st place men and overall winners with a record time of 3 hours and 48 minutes: Go Fast/Underground Cycling Team George Winterdal and Victor Vrolijk.**

1st place ladies: Go Fast/Underground Cycling Team Zaida Every and Jolanda van Overbeek.

3rd place ladies: Tri-Bike Team Shaska Kock and Rhaina Montesant.

1st place Senior: Dikke Buiken Club Lex Burgmans and Pieter Boots.



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